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## To Advertisers.

Hereafter, in order to secure insertion of advertisements same week publication is desired, copy for ads must be in this office by noon on Monday.

Farmers, bring in samples of your products. We want to ornament our sanctum with them and show strangers what we can do here.

Probate Judge McCorkle offers to issue marriage licenses at cost if the crusty old bachelors of Great Bend will pool issues and do their duty. Come, boys, "stand up for Kansas."

Since the DEMOCRAT adopted the rule of charging for locals of concerts, socials, festivals, etc., where an admission fee is charged, we see that many exchanges have followed suit. All papers should take the same stand.

A jury in Probate Judge McCorkle's court on Monday adjudged Miss Daisy Tamplin insane, and application has been made for her admission to the asylum. Her affliction was brought about by ill health and the legion friends of the family hope for her speedy recovery.

There are about a half dozen boys who make a practice of being at the depots at traintime and may be seen swinging on the engine and cars. It is very dangerous and it is only a matter of time until some of them are killed or crippled for life. Someone is neglecting a very serious duty in not having the habit broken up.

Arrangements are being made for a grand public picnic, with platform dance, band music and all things enjoyable, at Valentine Kramer's grove, 2 miles south of Dubuque, on September 15th. The picnic will be for the benefit of the Dubuque Cornet Band, and a good time is assured all who attend. The committee of arrangements extends an invitation to everybody.

The Great Bend ball players who argued with other clubs have found that "all is not gold that glitters," and rumor says that they are not averse to having the club reorganized. The fact is, Great Bend is one of the most appreciative towns in Kansas for good base ball. Paying crowds attended every game this season. When the swelling of inflated craniums is reduced somewhat we expect to see some more good games here.

In these hard times, when economy is the rule in all departments, it is cheering to note that the amusements of the young and the giddy are not to be abridged for lack of funds, since a Great Bend township dance fiddler has started the fashion of taking his pay for playing for dances in chickens; so that in a tight pinch the fellow that can't raise the money to pay the fiddler has only to start out and rob a hen roost the night before and his music for the next dance is assured without expense.

It seems that the stringent law, talking Christian science or anything practiced will not prevent cigarette smoking among certain denish youths. A case lately came under our notice where a lady cured her child of the cigarette habit by the simple, well-measured application of "frying on hands." To make the remedy effectual she laid her left hand on the back of the boy's neck in an adhesive manner, and her right hand on her slipper, and alternately with the yelps of the patient, applied the slipper where it would do the most good. The smoke was changed from the top to the bottom; a cure was effected and a relapse is not looked for.

Don't you suppose your neighbor is tired of loaning his DEMOCRAT?

Correspondents will confer a favor by dropping into the office when in town and getting a supply of paper, envelopes and stamps.

If anything of interest is happening in Barton county you are sure to learn of it through the DEMOCRAT—for \$1 a year, cash in advance.

Among the out of town people here Saturday we noticed: J. E. Forbes, Ottawa; Mart Davis, Larned; J. W. Winn, Jetmore; Ed Teed, Topeka.

On September 11, 12, 16 and 17 we will sell round trip tickets to Topeka for \$5.65, final limit September 24. W. Torrey, Agent Santa Fe Route.

Cimarron Jacksonian: M. F. Dillon who will be remembered by many Cimarronites as the affable representative of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co., has quit the road and is now on the reportorial force of the Kansas City Star.

The new death traps used for cutting corn are great jokers. They will move along smoothly until the horse tries to kick a fly off its high ear, when it suddenly stops. The master of ceremonies steps off ahead of the knives, bumps up against the horse and starts him off like a rocket. If the man is quick enough in getting back on board he takes his feet with him.

## Death of Mrs. Porter.

Mrs. Barbara J. Porter died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Porter, in the Third ward, at 4 o'clock a. m., Monday morning, September 9, 1895, aged 72 years, 6 months and 17 days. The funeral services were held at the house at 4 p. m., on Monday, conducted by Rev. Davis of the Methodist church, and the remains were laid to rest in the Great Bend cemetery. Mrs. Porter had been confined to her bed for many months with a complication of ailments.

She was born in Madisonville, Tenn., February 23, 1823, moving to Virginia and then to Illinois, where in 1847 she was married to W. C. Porter. At the age of 9 years she professed religion and lived a consistent Christian life for over sixty-three years. She leaves three daughters and two sons, all in Kansas—one in Stafford county, one daughter in Stafford county and one residing in Great Bend.

It is predicted that before many years the sunflower will come into general cultivation in this country. As a plant it has no superior for vigor, rapid growth and prolific yield of seed, leaves and stalk, all of which can be utilized. The seeds are especially good as food for fowls, and when mixed with grains they are relished by all farm animals. Fifty bushels of seed to the acre is a fair yield, and this will produce fifty gallons of oil worth \$1 per gallon. In China a valuable fiber, used in silk weaving, is obtained from the stalks, and they are of service as fuel and a source of potash. The Orientals mix their tobacco with cured sunflower leaves and make a yellow dye from the flowers, which are also rich in honey and wax. The sunflower grows riotously in Kansas and stands all extremes of weather well. Plainly, it is one of nature's great gifts, but as yet unappreciated.

## Connecticut Letter.

We have been permitted to make a few extracts from a letter written by S. Henry Moss, of Stonington, Conn., to his brother, A. R. Moss, of this city:

There is surely a prospect for corn in old Barton, and I hope you will get a big one. It looks like the hard times are over and no one doubts the soundness of our government at its ability to pay—thus confidence is fully restored, as hence no one wants to hold gold, as there is no prospect of any premium. Our exports are increasing. Only last week we shipped 1,400 tons of pig iron from Ohio to England, the second shipment of the kind; our furnaces are furnishing armor plate to Russia for their big gunboats, in competition with the world; our exports of copper have increased 100 per cent in a few years; large cotton factories are going up in the south and some from the north are moving their plants south. I have not seen a tramp for six months and there is employment for all who will work for fair wages. There is not a factory of any kind in New England that is not running full time. So you see prosperity is now here and we can from the past figure upon ten to fifteen years of plenty. Now, would it not be queer if Great Bend was the only place in the whole country that did not feel any benefit from the prosperity that exists in the whole land. I look for a big year in 1896.

## KNISELEY BOUND OVER

The Sensation Over Which Holsington Is Agog.

The Preliminary Examination Results in Kniseley Being Held Under Bonds of Two Thousand.



THE DEMOCRAT reporter boarded the P. B. & M. express Saturday morning for Holsington to attend the preliminary trial of L. M. Kniseley, charged with shooting J. A. Hall, Monday, September 2, at Holsington. He found the case the all absorbing topic of conversation and it was found necessary to hold court in the opera house to accommodate the crowd. The State was represented by County Attorney Nimocks, assisted by F. V. Russell of this city. The defense had retained D. A. Banta of this city. The witnesses for the state were called, sworn, cautioned and separated and the case began. The first witness called was J. A. Hall, the man whom Kniseley shot, and his testimony was as follows:

My name is Joseph A. Hall; I know the defendant; saw him on September 2 at, or near, my livery barn; he was walking around the building with a shot gun on his shoulder. I asked him what he wanted and he told me it was "none of my damned business." I told him it was my business and pushed him from me, when he fell down; he got up and took the gun by the muzzle and struck at my head. I caught the gun on my arm (showed bruise). I took the gun away from Kniseley, but gave it back to him, telling him to go away. Saw Kniseley again at the Tyler House after dinner. He came in and demanded that I go with him; he produced no warrant, nor told me he had one. I then went up to Justice Lytle's office and gave myself up, and then went in search of J. B. Prose as my attorney. Coming out of Peaugh's barber shop I saw Kniseley coming down the street flourishing a revolver. He was followed by John Johnston; I told Kniseley I had given myself up and was then looking for a lawyer and would be ready in a few minutes; Kniseley pushed his head under my chin and began abusing me, when I pushed him from me, he landing in the mud of the gutter. When he got up he still had the revolver in his hand and struck me on the left side of the head with it; I again pushed Kniseley away from me and he fell against the barber shop door; while down, Kniseley snapped the revolver three times before it went off; the shot struck me in the breast; at the time John Johnston had hold of my arms from behind and I was forced down over Kniseley, who placed the revolver almost against me; my shirt was powder burned. In my opinion Kniseley was intoxicated and could hardly stand up; the revolver was a 32 calibre, 5-shot, double action; we had previously been on friendly terms; I never struck Kniseley until after I was shot. I am 46 years old and weigh 166 pounds.

George Bagley was the next witness and his testimony was substantially the same as Hall's. He said Hall had one hand on Kniseley's shoulder when the shot was fired; thought Kniseley was drunk; Hall was held by Johnston when the shot was fired.

L. G. Shaw's testimony did not materially differ from Hall's in regard to what happened at the barn and Tyler House; Shaw did not see the shooting.

Amos Bell was the next witness. He saw the altercation in front of the barber shop and it occurred practically as above stated; couldn't say whether Kniseley was drunk or not.

J. A. Knight testified that he arrested Kniseley; allowed Kniseley to go home; while there Kniseley went to the cupboard and poured some whisky from a bottle into a glass and offered it to Knight; he did not drink and would not let Kniseley drink it.

Jim Butler's evidence was the same as the previous witnesses, as was that of W. C. Lindsay. Tom McMahon acknowledged that he did not love Kniseley—liked him best at a distance, and had remarked that he thought hanging too good for him; thought Kniseley was drunk.

G. L. Koch gave a technical descrip-

tion of Hall's wound. The ball penetrated at the sixth rib about one inch. He exhibited the ball taken from the wound.

Mrs. Anna McMahan saw Kniseley back of Degen's store on the day of the shooting and heard him tell a strange man that he would kill Hall before night.

The other witnesses were A. L. Peugh, John Typer and John Huston and their testimony did not vary materially from the other witnesses.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the cases were submitted without argument and Justice Lytle bound Kniseley over to the district court at \$2,000 bonds.

Kniseley gave bond, E. C. Emley, John Johnston, G. W. Woodburn and W. W. Truxal acting as his bondsmen.

H. Horine left Tuesday morning for a visit in Indiana.

Regular services were held at all the churches Sunday.

Frank Lightfoot is sitting up an office over Hooper's drug store.

Barton county spent over \$27,000 last year for teacher's salaries.

Miss Elise Moss went to Kansas City Tuesday to visit with friends.

Smed Wilkinson, populist candidate for sheriff, was a caller Monday.

Great Bend Lodge No. 127, A. O. U. W., has 160 members in good standing.

Postmaster Wildgen and George A. Orr were over from Holsington Monday.

Earl Jordan, former salesman with Charley Beye, is now with Henry Myers.

Miss Grace Gano and Mrs. J. B. Baker were down from Pawnee Rock Saturday.

W. H. Brown left last night for a three weeks visit with his son Charley in Denver.

Lost—Western Union Telegraph company messenger's badge. Leave at this office.

Bert Swartz found his horse, advertised as lost last week, on the Cheyenne bottoms.

Mrs. John Lightbody and son Frank left Saturday morning for their new home at Clinton, Mo.

Allen Clay Whiteman of the La Crosse Clarion went east Monday, on his way to Pittsburg, Kan.

Saturday was like a November day and overcoats were worn by those fortunate enough to possess them.

Henry J. Klein left last evening for Denver with his son Walter, who will enter the hospital for treatment.

Jake Miller brought us some fine samples of Jerusalem corn this week. This cereal is an almost sure crop here.

Prof. G. S. Windsor, a former student at the college has been chosen superintendent of the McPherson city schools.

Mrs. Kingen of the north part of the county, near Verbeck, was down on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Will Rush, Saturday.

Mrs. C. D. McCarthy, of Oklahoma, a former resident of Great Bend, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Dawson, this week.

H. C. Welch of Chicago, father of W. B. Welch of Cheyenne bottom came out last week. He will be here some time on business.

The depots along the Missouri Pacific road are being painted a cream color. The one at Holsington received its dose last week.

Dan Bird, who will be the next county commissioner for the third district, was in town Saturday, accompanied by his wife and children.

J. J. Filburn of Heizer conducts Dunkard services the second Sunday in each month at the school house six miles northeast of Holsington.

Eighty certificates will be granted students of the late normal, making 192 certificates in force in the county, not including Great Bend city teachers.

Jim McMullin, Frank Rose, Bon Dawson and Billy Frame have signed to play with McPherson the balance of the base ball season. Joe McMullin has signed with Enterprise.

N. Webber, Dubuque's postmaster and merchant, called on Monday for a supply of stationery. He says a larger acreage of wheat will be put in than ever before in his country, the ground being in fine condition.

## WILL NOT BE DECEIVED!

Desperate Efforts to Hold the Liberal Voters in Line.

But the Intelligent Voter Will Break Away From Fads and Isms and Visionary Theories.



BARTON county's one-horse populist politicians are in sore straits to hold the few voters who still profess the pop faith into line for their county candidates. All the leading men in that party, we mean the men who have heretofore led the party to such victories as they have gained, are expressing themselves of the belief that in the three-cornered fight that is now on in Barton county the populist ticket, although it possesses some good men, has not the ghost of a show of election. These men speak from a thorough knowledge of the situation and the strength of the three parties. They are PRACTICAL in politics, not theoretical.

For expressing this belief before the conventions were held these men were sidetracked by the more ultra, the wild-eyed, the effusive theorists in the pop party, and the present campaign put into the hands of the latter. This latter class of populists are now using every means possible to hold the liberal voters in line; they bitterly denounce all men who hold to the democratic faith, for the sole purpose of pleasing the former republicans now in the pop ranks; they as vociferously beseech all republicans in the hope of keeping on the good side of the ex-democrats. They cry out against all humanity in the hope of drawing to the pessimistic ranks still more of the same ilk, but offer nothing to the conservative, sober minded voter to recompense him for casting his lot in their unenviable society.

We want to ask the several hundred earnest, industrious, level-headed voters who have still shown an inclination to follow such leadership for the sake of "party fealty," why are you deceived longer?

Are you ready to espouse all the fads, the isms, the visionary theories that have been sprung upon Kansas people the past few years? The leaders of populists to-day are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to pledge you to these isms. While loudly proclaiming that "free silver" is the only way cry, you know, and everybody knows, that they are ultra prohibitionists, rabid female suffragists, died-in-the-wool paternalists and would-be flatists. Their present great concern for "free silver" is but a cloak to hide their sinister intentions to eventually lead you into a support of the above mentioned fads. Will you be deceived? Will you throw your votes away this fall by aiding in that deception?

They talk about "national issues." What figure has the populist party cut heretofore in national issues? Is there a western state that party carried for Weaver electors without the aid of democratic support? Is there a southern state that party carried for Weaver even with the republican support? Is there any possible hope that the populist party will carry a single state in the union in 1896?

We pledge you NO to every question. Democrats will not support them in the north and west, and republicans will not support them in the south. Why tag along with this new, third party movement that accomplishes nothing and promises nothing? Why continue to permit yourself to be arrayed against the TRUE people's party—the Jeffersonian democracy—which is fighting fearlessly and relentlessly in the great south and west, and which will eventually triumph over the opposition of not only republicanism, but jingoism, monometalism, paternalism and pessimism.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our thanks to the kind friends who have shown so much sympathy in our time of trouble and distress.

J. L. PORTER,  
W. H. PORTER,  
WINONA S. COULTER,  
ADDIE A. CROW,  
LAURA E. PORTER.

Leo Wileek Sundayed in Clifton.

The Woodmen have no assessment for September.

Dr. Maffett left last Friday night for Colorado Springs.

Commercial travelers report a wonderful revival in business.

Mrs. M. P. Parker was visiting a sister at Badett the past week.

Miss Julia Miller's school at 90, Buffalo township, begins next Monday.

Miss Lizzie O'Neal of Raymond is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. P. Parker.

Miss Edith Rush went up to Beaver township Sunday to visit a few days with her uncle.

Fred Evans left Sunday morning for Kansas City, where his parents preceded him last week.

Henry Christmas of Oakland City, Ind., is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Bob Brown, this week.

The city schools will begin Monday September 16. Let all pupils try to be present on the first day.

Attorney's Osmond and Hopchiss had business before the appellate court at Garden City last week.

Misses Dora McDougal and Maggie Brewer of Pawnee Rock visited Saturday and Sunday with Miss Julia Miller.

Superintendent Daum says that parents should not purchase books, slates, etc., for the children until directed what to get by the teacher.

Bruce Jones and Marshal Fosburg have associated themselves together in the mental plating business. Mr. Fosburg is a practical workman in that line.

A girl baby came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper last Thursday and Charley's good natured countenance is unusually benign in consequence.

The south half of the county was treated to a fine shower Sunday evening. The rain was heavier south of us, accompanied by hail, but no great damage was done.

There will be a teachers' meeting for the teachers of the city schools Saturday, September 14, at 2 p. m., in the superintendents office. All teachers of the city schools are requested to be present.

Mrs. Harry Klein and her daughters, Pearl and Edna left Sunday morning for St. Louis, where Mr. Klein is located and where the family will live in future. Willie Klein will remain here for the present in the employ of Dick Manning.

E. B. Cowgill, editor of the Kansas Farmer, Topeka, who owns a fine farm on Walnut creek, east of Great Bend, was here last week. He has arranged to put up a twenty-five foot wind mill for irrigation purposes.

Jim Gates, 11 years old, was arrested on Friday last on complaint of Mrs. Haddock (colored) and placed under \$100 bond on charge of house-breaking. His hearing will come off before the probate judge on Saturday. An effort will be made to send him to the reform school.

The Great Bend ball team, prior to disbandment, had played 28 games, winning 19 of them—67.9 per cent. Great Bend won a majority of games from every club she played except Junction City. Internal dissensions seem to have been responsible for the disbandment.

Sid Crain came in overland from the strip Monday for a few days visit, accompanied by his family. Sid is located near Oris, Okla., where he has a good claim. Crops in his locality are good, except wheat, which was almost a failure. He says that all the Barton county people who located in the strip are well pleased and have plenty to pull through the winter on.

Miss Rose Rankin, a domestic with the family of C. L. Moses in this city died very suddenly on Wednesday evening of last week of apoplexy. She was taken ill on Tuesday and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin of Clarence township, were notified but she died before they could reach the city. The interment occurred from her home on last Friday. Miss Rankin was an estimable young lady, highly respected by all and her death is a sad blow to those who knew her best. She was soon to have been united in marriage to a young man of Clarence township.

## IT IS A POPULAR PAPER

An All Home Print Newspaper at a Dollar a Year.

Agreeable Additions to the List the Past Week—It Pays to Publish All the News.



UST 100 cents make one dollar and just 52 copies of the DEMOCRAT will go to your address for that sum, less than 2 cents a week for all the news. No man is there who cannot take a country paper at that price—especially when he can get all the news presented in a terse and readable shape. However, if there is anyone in the county who is too poor to take a country paper, he or she will be sent the DEMOCRAT six months free upon making such a statement in writing to the publishers. The DEMOCRAT list is growing rapidly, showing that an all home print paper at \$1 a year is bound to win. We want a 2000 list by January 1, and acknowledge receipt of the following yearly subscriptions since our last issue:

W. B. Atkinson	Great Bend
H. O. Morgan	Great Bend
J. A. Dunson	Great Bend
M. Gage	Great Bend
Mrs. N. R. Holmes	Great Bend
F. B. Patterson	Holsington
J. J. Winterburg	Great Bend
D. F. Woodburn	Great Bend
M. Caraway	New Palestine, Ind.
C. H. Luce	Salina, Kan.
C. H. Brown	Denver, Colo.
S. C. Lewis	Holsington
D. J. Lewis	Holsington
Frank Ladsberger	Holsington
Arlington Hotel	Holsington
Edward Brown	Holsington
J. F. Byram	Pawnee Rock
N. Weber	Dubuque
G. E. Wyman	Albert
George Crummett	Great Bend
W. S. Walker	Great Bend
Wm. Rush	Great Bend
Joe Schaefer	Great Bend
Jas. Smith	Great Bend
Stet. Smith	Great Bend
H. Feldkamp	Great Bend
Wm. Ford	Holsington

## AN ENJOYABLE EVENT.



EVERYONE attending the Christian Endeavor reception and entertainment at the college Saturday night pronounced it a highly enjoyable affair. The rendition of "Among the Roses," by the reorganized college orchestra, was superb. This organization ranks among the finest in the state. Miss Lottie Wells delivered a recitation that captured the audience, and Miss Blanche and Will Martin's duet, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," was well received. A recitation by B. F. Hennessy was encored and Walter McCray's cornet solo brought out all there was in the instrument. A farce participated in by Mrs. Stryker, and Messrs Pence and Hennessy entitled "Courtship Under Difficulties," elicited rounds of applause. A piano solo by Blanche Martin was followed by a promenade, the young people united in pronouncing the later feature one of the most enjoyable features of the evening.

The largest melon yet brought in weighed 49 1/2 pounds. A year's subscription goes to the winner.

"Dad" McCracken went down into Kingman county last week and brought back a load of peaches which found ready sale at 75 cents per bushel.

The Woodmen of Clifton entertained about twenty visiting brothers from Frederick, Holsington and Great Bend last Friday night and a royal good time was had.

Judge Townsley, wife and children left Saturday for a visit at Sedalia and other Missouri points. R. H. Moores and son Frank of Sedalia, who have been visiting here for some time accompanied them.

## City Market Report.

GREAT BEND, KAN., Sept. 12, 1895.	
Wheat, per cwt.	\$1.00 @ \$1.50
High, per cwt.	4.00 @ 4.25
Eggs, per dozen	.08
Potatoes, per bushel	.40
Butter, per pound	.10
Hay, per ton	4.00 @ 4.50
Straw, per cwt.	.70
Wheat, per bushel	.65
Oats, per bushel	.15
Corn, per bushel	.25
Poultry, per pound	.25 @ .37
Flour, per sack	1.50 @ 1.75
Cornmeal, per sack	.90